



**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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To Commissioner For Patents

Please enter the following submission and withdraw the finality of the proceeding office action or withdraw any pending appeal and reopen prosecution before the Examiner.

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| Applicant Number       | 10/039,713       |
| Filing Date            | OCTOBER 29, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor   | JOHANNES J. MONS |
| Group Art Unit         | 2653             |
| Examiner Name          | TAN X. DINH      |
| Attorney Docket Number | PHN 16,657A      |

This is an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application (which is made prior to: payment of issue fee; abandonment; notice of appeal to the CAFC; or commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146.)

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 7, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_ (may not be a brief)

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**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (May not exceed 3 months; Fee required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i))

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees**

a.  The Commissioner For Patents is hereby authorized to charge all required fees except the issue fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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